



Situation Report

File Number

(2022-006) SITREP to NOC - "Freedom Convoy" protest events, Nova Scotia

PURPOSE:

- To advise the National Operations Center of "Freedom Convoy" protest events, current intelligence and investigative actions in Nova Scotia (2022-02-09).

Date: Wednesday February 9, 2022

- The investigation is continuing in relation to envelopes containing a noxious substance that were received at Member of Parliament Offices in Nova Scotia and Halifax City Council Offices.

Synopsis:

- On February 7, 2022, envelopes containing a noxious substance were received at three Members of Parliament Offices, located in Barrington Passage, Bridgewater and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.
- An employee at the Barrington Passage office opened the letter and found a noxious substance that caused their hands and eyes to burn resulting in medical attention being sought.
- MP's, Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA's) and other police forces throughout Nova Scotia were advised of the incidents.
- On February 7, 2022, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) advised of similar letters addressed to 14-15 members of Halifax city council.
- Preliminary analysis of these letters did not indicate a noxious substance present.

Current Status:

- Southwest Nova Major Crime have assumed carriage of the file.
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) and the Explosives Disposal Unit (EDU) are engaged.
- The chemical composition of the substance is unknown and is being processed to determine it's chemical composition.
- The National Security Unit continues to work with the MCU and HRP Investigative units.
- The investigation is ongoing.

Location: North Sydney, Nova Scotia

Date: Thursday February 10, 2022 @ 4:00pm

Synopsis:

- Cape Breton Regional Police Service and Marine Atlantic contacted RCMP to share information in relation to a protest being organized at the Marine Atlantic Ferry Terminal. It is unknown if the protest will occur on HWY 105 or at the terminal itself.
- The number of protesters and their intent is unknown.
- There is some information that suggests the protest may instead occur on Saturday February 12, 2022.

Current Status:

- Northeast Nova District and Cape Breton Regional Police Service are engaged in operational planning to minimize any effect on the Terminal and its operations.

Location: New Minas, Nova Scotia

Date: Thursday February 10, 2022 @ 4:00pm

Synopsis:

- An online post by a group called "Valley Freedom Convoy 2022" is looking to organize a "freedom convoy" at the New Minas Irving.
- The number of protesters and their intent is unknown.

Location: Digby/Shelburne to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

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Date: February 12, 2022 @ 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Synopsis:

- A group is organizing a rolling protest departing from Digby and Shelburne and travelling to Yarmouth town hall.
- OSI suggests 80 persons are attending and another 90 persons "interested".

Location: Enfield, Nova Scotia

Date: February 12, 2022@ 10:00am - 1:00pm

Synopsis:

- A group is reportedly gathering in the Enfield area to conduct a "slow roll" convoy.
- The route is unknown, with OSI suggesting 65 persons will attend and another 180 persons "interested".

Location: Berwick, Nova Scotia

Date: February 12, 2022@ 11:00am

Synopsis:

- A group is organizing a convoy departing from the Berwick area and arriving at the NS/NB Border area at 2:30pm.
- There is a suggestion that this convoy could meet up with the Enfield Convoy.
- OSI suggests that 20 persons are attending with 70 others "interested".

Location: NS/NB Border, Amherst, Nova Scotia

Date: Saturday February 12, 2022 @ 11:00am

Synopsis:

- A group is organizing a protest at the NS/NB border.
- OSI indicates the number of people who may attend is increasing and may be significant.
- OSI indicates that some persons may attempt to block the border/highway and further that some participants are indicating that this will be a multi-day peaceful protest.
- A teleconference was held on February 8th, 2020 with various stakeholders as part of the multi agency planning process.
- An operational plan is being complete. Operational Response will be based on number of anticipated protesters and their stated intentions.

Current Status:

- Consultations and communications continue with J Division to ensure a coordinated response.
- An analyst has been assigned to the event.
- OSI will continue to gather intelligence on this and other protest events.

Strategic Considerations:

- The officer in Charge of Federal Policing is aware.
- Southwest Nova Major Crime unit is engaged.
- "H" Division Liaison Team (DLT) is engaged.
- The Officer in Charge of Southwest Nova District is aware.
- The Officer in Charge of Northeast Nova District is aware.
- The Officer in Charge of Halifax District is aware.
- The Officer in Charge of Support Services is aware.
- The Officer in Charge of Criminal Operations is aware.
- "J" Division Criminal Operations is aware.
- "B" Division Criminal Operations is aware.
- The Commanding Officer, "H" Division, is aware.

Strategic Communications:

- "H" Division Strategic Communications is aware.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil.

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